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1. IN CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS WITH UN CHIEF COORDINATOR SIILASVUO, AUGUST, HE WAS VERY FRANK CONCERNING SHORTCOMINGS OF UNEF FORCE COMMANDER MAJ. GENERAL LILJESTRAND WHO IS NOW ON EXTENDED LEAVE. SIILASVUO SAID LILJESTRAND HAD MADE DISASTROUS ERROR OF TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE RATHER THAN TAKING FIRM LINE CONSISTENT WITH UN'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA. LILJESTRAND, SIILASVOU ALLEGED, SAW HIMSELF IN A DIPLOMATIC ROLE AND, AS A RESULT, HE NEGLECTED THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL SIDE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.

COMMENT. IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION AS TO WHETHER GENERAL LILJESTRAND WILL BE REPLACED. IN THE EVENT HE RETURNS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS BETWEEN HIM AND THE UN CHIEF
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